

motion to overrule the Chair. All those in favor of voting, of ceasing debate; I do see five hands, vote aye, opposed vote no. Motion is to cease debate on the point of challenging the Chair's ruling. Motion is to cease debate on the point of challenging the Chair's ruling. The question before the House on the Newell motion is shall the Chair be overruled. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The debate has ceased and Senator Newell is entitled to cease debate and I believe the Chair would state, the question is that the question shall the Chair be overruled and the Chair did rule that the Newell amendment to the Warner amendment was not germane. The Newell amendment was not germane to the Warner amendment. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I listened to Senator Warner's arguments and Senator Warner argues that his amendment just strikes something out and therefore, my amendment is not germane to that. But the truth of the matter is that my amendment adds a new Section 1 to the bill. That it is germane to the bill. And so the argument here is clearly one of fairness. The issue is clearly one of whether or not we are going to choke off debate, cease debate with all these kinds of games and that is exactly what the issue is. You see there is a fear of debating these issues and there's a fear of, of arguing an issue like the one I've proposed. There's nothing incorrect about the way I proposed it. Frankly, it's done all the time. But I'd like to just respond very briefly, if I could, to Senator Hefner's arguments. Senator Hefner says, you know, Senator Newell is trying to kill my bill. That is not true. If you look at that amendment, it says, it says that we will have a referendum. If, with my amendment goes on, LB 27 can go to the Governor's Office and can be signed and you will, in fact, have if he signs it which I hope he doesn't, then in fact he will, then in fact it will become law. The only thing that happens is there is a referendum on the issue. Now frankly, I agree with your conclusion, if that is your fear. The bill will become law but then it will go to a referendum where it will be killed, where it will be killed. It will be rejected and the corporations will, once again, have to pay taxes which is not unreasonable. I mean, let the people choose; I hear that argument all the time. Senator Hefner himself gave me this idea. He brought it to us on LB 19 or 17 or whatever it was, 19, I believe. It was his idea that the people ought to choose whether to pay taxes. Well I think what we ought to do is let use Senator Hefner's argument, let the people decide whether they want to pay the corporations'